(in tonnes)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 (Provisional)
Assam	86.00	72.00	60.00
Arunachal Pradesh	0.10	0.14	0.16
Manipur	0.20	0.06	Negligible
Mizoram	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Meghalaya	0.94	1.14	2.00
Nagaland	0.06	Negligible	Negligible
West Bengal	0.05	0.08	0.09
TOTAL	87.35	73.42	62.25

(b) Muga silk worms are reared out-doors in Som and Soalu plantations, exposed to pests & predators and climatic variations which at time causes viral, fungal and bacterial disease to appear in some rearings. There has been no unusual out-break of diseases which affects the muga silk production in the North-East.

(c) and (d) The Central Silk Board supplies disease free basic seed for further multiplication and distribution to the muga silkworm rearers. The Regional Muga Research Station has conducted studies on the incidence and management of disases as well as pests & predators of both muga silkworm and its host plants. A package on integrated management of muga silkworm diseases, pests & predators has also improved technology of muga silkworm rearing evolved by the Regional Muga Research Station at Boko(Assam) under Central Silk Board has been reeommended to State Sericulture Departments for introduction among muga silkworm rearers. In addition a Disease Monitoring Cell has been constituted, comprising of resarch and technical personnel from Central Silk Board and Deptt. of Sericulture in the North Eastern States to monitor the disease control by undertaking inspection of silkworm crops and suggest On-the-Spot remedial measures for preventing crop losses.

Establishment of Quality Silk Centres in Orissa

3972. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has been asked to take up time bound programmes for the establishment of Quality Silk Centres in the area having large concentrations of the silk farmers and weavers;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith number of units modernise so far, District-wise;

(c) the Union Government have provided any assistance for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Sericulture Departments, the Central Silk Board (CSB) is implementing a number of schemes/projects/programmes for promoting development of all the four types of silk. These include schemes for extension of R&D, training, infrastructural & extension support to the sector through network of CSB's units & implementation of certain developmental/ incentive/financial assistance schemes for

encouraging adoption of modern sericultural practices for production of quality silk such as installation of common facility centre and backward integration in reeling sector.

पर्यटन उद्योग से अर्जित राजस्व

3973. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार को भारतीय पर्यटन उद्योग से प्रतिवर्ष कितना राजस्व अर्जित होता है, उसमें विदेशी और स्वदेशी आय का प्रतिशत कितना है;

(ख) सरकार से चालू वर्ष के बजट में भारतीय पर्यटन उद्योग के विस्तार और विकास के लिए राज्य-वार कितना वित्तीय प्रावधान किया है;

(ग) इस वर्ष में राज्यवार किन-किन स्थानों को पर्यटक स्थलों के रूप में घोषित करने का विचार है; और

(घ) उन राज्य सरकारों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्होंने ऐसे प्रस्ताव प्रेषित किए हैं?

पर्यटन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ओमाक अपांग): (क) वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान विदेशी मुद्रा आय 11,263.68 करोड़ रु० होने का अनुमान है और वर्ष के दौरान व्यय कर के तरीके से केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा अर्जित कर राजस्व 271.91 करोड़ रु० है। विदेशी एवं स्वदेशी पर्यटक से अर्जित राजस्व के ब्यौरे उपलब्ध नहीं हैं।

(ख) से (घ) पर्यटन मंत्रालय, पर्यटन के विकास हेतु राज्य-वार प्रावधान नहीं करता। सरकार भी किसी स्थान को पर्यटक स्थल के रूप में घोषित नहीं करती। पर्यटन मंत्रालय, प्रत्येक वर्ष राज्य सरकारों के परामर्श से, प्राथमिकता प्राप्त परियोजनाओं के आधार पर, राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र सरकारों को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करता है। वर्ष 1998-99 के दौरान ऐसी संरचनात्मक परियोजनाओं के लिए लगभग 50 करोड़ रुपयों का योजना आबंटन उपलब्ध है। राज्य पर्यटन विभाग, उनके अपने बजट में, पर्यटन क्षेत्र के लिए प्रावधान करते हैं।

Promotion of Tourism in Assam

3974. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what concrete steps have been taken by the Ministry to promote tourism in Assam in last three years, giving the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have any plan to establish tourist bungalows at Jojsagar, Gargaon, Cheraideo of Sibsagar district where the capitals of Ahom kingdom located and the ancient monuments are there, which has great tourist's interest;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when Government will plan it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) During the last three years, the Ministry of Tourism has taken following steps to promote and develop tourism in Assam:

(1) 26 projects amounting to Rs. 515.08 lakhs were sanctioned for Promotion & Development of Tourism in Assam.

(2) A brochure on North East featuring Assam was produced.

(3) A film on North East was brought out featuring Assam.

(4) North East was the theme for 1998 Suraj Kund Craft Mela giving Publicity to all North Eastern States including Assam.

(5) The Food Crafts Institute at Guwahati was upgraded into a full fledged Institute for Hotel Management and Catering.

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Tourism provides funds to the State Governments for establishing Tourist Bunglows on receipt of specific project proposals from the State Governments. The Government of Assam has not sent any proposal for setting up tourist bungalow at Jajsagar, Gurgaon, Cheraideo of Sibsagar district.

Dispute with Private Sector on Dual Tariff

3975. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had a dispute with the private sector, recently, over "Dual Tariff" policy;